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THE MATTER OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

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Religion Today reported on the United Nations meeting of the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders. Ted Turner, owner of CNN and numerous other money making ventures and who, according to his own testimony, grew up in a strict religious household (but later said, "Christianity is for losers.") was one of the speakers. He has given *billions* to the U.N. Turner said, "We are all one race, and there is only one God that manifests himself in different ways." Turner is half right but wholly wrong! There is One God; He manifests Himself in Jesus Christ and in His Word! All else is false and soul damning. Turner went said the religions that have survived "don't have hatred behind them," he stated. "The ones that have done best have love behind them." He said he remembers "intolerance" in his family's Christian community and that he planned to be a missionary but turned away from the Church when he learned about other religions. Delegates to the conference gave an icy reception to the Patriarch of Ethiopia who urged protection for the unborn, and they were likewise cool to a Muslim speaker who urged recognition of marriage between a man and a woman only. A Buddhist speaker received a standing ovation when he condemned all attempts at religious conversion. The truth is it really doesn't matter what Ted Turner, or any of the others, think because they know nothing about God or truth. Turner just has more money than he knows what to do with and the liberals are willing to take it to promote their agenda.

The theme of their conference was "intolerance." They are all for tolerance. Did you notice how tolerant they were with those who disagreed with them? These hypocrites are very intolerant of those who believe abortion is murder and that homosexual marriages are a wicked farce. There are none more bigoted than liberals, and none they hate more than Fundamental Bible believers. The one who received a standing ovation in effect said, let's all agree to do our own thing without trying to get anybody else to change. We are seeing more and more pressure upon those who do not take the "politically correct" view of things. But if we are going to be true to the Savior who bought us with his blood, we are going to have to take a stand. I truly believe that hard times are coming for Fundamental Bible believers. But we cannot tone down the truth or be silent, and be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ and to those who need His Gospel. He is **"THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE,"** whether people believe it or not; whether they want it or not. He said God's Word is truth! All else is error. Others may, but we cannot be silent on the vital issues. We cannot keep quiet about homosexuality, abortion, pornography, etc. We cannot refrain from efforts to convert people. Our Lord commanded us to do it! The world is wrong, and religion apart from that which is according to the Word of God is wrong. In fact, it is evil, for it leads people astray and into a false security. Marx was right on one score: "Religion is the opiate of the people." Where are the Christians who will, like Daniel's three friends, stand up for Christ and the truth when the ecumenical band starts playing? It's one thing to believe the truth, but the faithful child of God must also make it known. Jesus said, **"For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in the Father's, and of the holy angels."**

YOUTH CORNER

RIGHT OR WRONG?

A thing is right, or a thing is wrong,
And there is no in-between.

We sometimes wish that it wasn't so,
But it's plain what both words mean.

If it's "not quite right," then it must be wrong,
If "it wouldn't be wrong," then, it's right,
Though sometimes it's hard to choose
The difference seems very slight.

But no matter how old you live to be,
And no matter where you go,
There are no half measures with right and wrong,
And it will always be so. - Copied

TEACHER CERTIFICATION IS MEANINGLESS

School Reform News (8/2000) points this up once again. The report says, "Teacher education procedures are a joke...They are a series of bureaucratic routines... According to the late Al Shanker, longtime president of the American Federation of Teachers, at least one-quarter of the nation's teachers are not qualified to be in the classroom. (Yet Shanker and the AFT opposed every effort on teacher testing, or to remove teachers). Nationally, about 1,200 schools of education prepare teachers. Less than half of these, 550 are accredited. If teacher certification is valid, shouldn't the professors in education be certified to properly teach others? In 1997, the average combined SAT verbal and math score for all college applicants was 1003 (this has been inflated three time in the past 20 years) of a potential maximum of 1600. The average for education schools was 964. Richard Mitchell, who taught English at a New Jersey teachers college, said the final question in an education course required drawing letters of the alphabet in both upper and lower case. The question counted for 52% of a student's grade." We've often said teacher certification is worthless. A great problem with the public schools is certified but *unqualified* teachers. If they were *qualified* the nation's schools and young people would not be in such a miserable state. Teachers, teachers' unions, federal and state bureaucracies support and perpetuate the miserable status quo. We've had a Christian school for 21 years; I could tell you something of what the public schools are producing. We have had many transfers and I can not remember one that was on grade level. Often they do so poorly, we cannot take them.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

A prisoner mending his trousers was asked, "Are you sewing?" "No," he replied, "I'm reaping."

If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything."

A boy has two jobs. One is just being a boy. The other is growing up to be a man.

Experience may be the best teacher but unfortunately, many are not doing well in her class.

Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

Today it isn't facing the music that hurts, it's listening to it.

The average person usually thinks he isn't!

WORD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

~Ecclesiastes 12:1.

HEAR, O ISRAEL:

THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD:

**AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD
WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY
SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT.**

**AND THESE WORDS, WHICH I COMMAND THEE
THIS DAY, SHALL BE IN THINE HEART:**

**AND THOU SHALT TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY
UNTO THY CHILDREN, AND SHALT TALK OF
THEM WHEN THOU SITTEST IN THINE HOUSE,
AND WHEN THOU WALKEST BY THE WAY,
AND WHEN THOU LIEST DOWN,
AND WHEN THOU RISEST UP.**

**AND THOU SHALT BIND THEM FOR A SIGN
UPON THINE HAND, AND THEY SHALL BE AS
FRONTLETS BETWEEN THINE EYES.**

**AND THOU SHALT WRITE THEM UPON THE
POSTS OF THY HOUSE, AND ON THY GATES.**

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

VATICAN SAYS ALL RELIGIONS NOT EQUAL.

In a 36 page document, the Roman Catholic Church has said that non-Christian religions could not be equal to Roman Catholicism and that Protestant Churches are not "sister" churches. (That must come as a shock to the Lutherans who, after 30 years trying, just this year came to an agreement of acceptance by Rome). Non-Christians are in a "gravely deficient situation" regarding salvation it said. The Church reiterated its official position and ordered its theologians not to manipulate the faith... The document said that other Christian churches had "defects" in part because they did not recognize the pope. It dismissed all post Reformation Churches saying, "they that have not preserved the valid Episcopate and the... eucharistic mystery are not churches in the true sense. - *Religion Today*

This is not new but has always been the official position of Roman Catholicism. The Harlot Church has never repudiated its teaching that there is no salvation outside the Roman Catholic Church. When I was a new Christian, 50 years ago, Rome was insistent on that doctrine. In recent times, when ecumenism is so popular, it has played semantic games in order to deceive and bring all the others under its wings. We know there will be a one world church and Rome will be its head. It will continue its double talk and deceive many.

GIRLS SCOUTS ARE IN TROUBLE! But it's not the same kind of trouble the Boy Scouts are in because of their stand against homosexuals in Scouts. The following info is from the *National Review*, 10/23/00. The Girls scouts have no trouble from the homosexual crowd, the government, etc. because they long ago adopted the politically correct view. The book, *Death of Character* by James Davison says they dropped their "loyalty" oath in 1972 and in 1993 made "God optional in the Girl Scout Promise." In 1975, a Catholic archdiocese stopped supporting the program because of its sex-ed program. The executive director, Marsha Evans is a "dyed in the wool" feminist; she served 29 years in the Navy earning the title of rear admiral. The Girl Scouts supports legislation that mandates gender equality in sports, affirmative action, etc. The Girl Scout Promise and Law relate to situations such as "pulling the plug" on a dying relative, ending a pregnancy, making people aware of gender bias and organizing Earth Day celebrations. Some of the badges girls can earn: Ms. Fix-it, Domestic Violence Awareness, Girl Power (sponsored by the U.S. Dep't of

Health and Human Services), Decisions for Your Life (relates to teen pregnancy) etc. Girl Scout staffers writing a book claim that one-third of the paid staff is lesbian. Girl Scout policy forbids sex on Girl Scouts' time (that's good of them), but the book *On My Honor: Lesbians Reflect on Their Scouting Experience* is filled with gay encounters in the Girl Scouts. It sounds like the Girls Scouts is really an advanced course on how to become a lesbian. With 2.7 million girls in Scouts, it seems there will be a lot more feminists and lesbians coming into society.

SOBERING STATISTICS!

A recent book reports on some sad statistics which speak loud and clear concerning the downward spiral of morality over the last forty years in America. Since 1960:

- *The divorce rate has doubled.
- *Teen suicide has tripled.
- *Violent crime has increased fourfold.
- *The prison population has increased five times.
- *Babies born to unwed parents up six times.
- *Those living together without marriage, up 700%.
- *Depression is soaring...up ten times by one estimate.

All this shows, in this enlightened age, how far we have gotten from the basics upon which the nation was founded. When you throw God out (many of them still have religion, but not God) downhill is the only direction you travel. Romans 1 describes it: **"God gave them up to uncleanness...God gave them up to vile affections... God gave them over to a reprobate mind."** Yes, we have been going down the wrong road for fifty years or more and the further we travel, the faster we go. America is only getting what she has sowed! God says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Payday for this once great land is surely coming. Of course, the worldly crowd does not have a clue - they are like those of Noah's day - but I am afraid that many of those who profess salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ are also asleep. God says, **"Awake unto righteousness and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."**

SPIRITUAL GIVING. We want personal consecration. I have heard that word pronounced "*purse and all*" consecration, a most excellent pronunciation. He who loves Jesus consecrates to Him all that he has, and feels it a delight that he may lay down anything at the feet of Him who laid down His life for us. -Spurgeon.

WANTED: ENTHUSIASM FOR GOD

A.W. Tozer said: "To me, it has always been difficult to understand those evangelical (I would say Fundamental) Christians who insist upon living in a crisis as if no crisis existed. They say they serve the Lord, but they divide their days so as to leave plenty of time to play and loaf and enjoy the pleasures of the world as well. They are at ease while the world burns...If we evangelicals (Fundamentalists) had one-third the enthusiasm of some of the cults we could take a continent. We have a lazy bunch of evangelicals (Fundamentalists) on our hands." We can get enthused over a new house, new car, better job, more money, a ball game, etc., but where are those who are enthused about Jesus Christ and His work? If someone gets saved, nobody gets excited! Heaven does, but we don't! I've often said everybody is doing what he wants to do. The vast majority of believers could come to Prayer Meeting, if they wanted to. They could go one hour a week on visitation, if they wanted to. They could pass out tracts and witness regularly if they had a heart for it. That's the problem, their heart is not in it; they give you a million excuses, but few of God's people care for lost souls all around them. The worldly crowd is going to hell faster than ever, but few of God's people let it bother them. God says, "**Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion...**" In Amos' they were enjoying themselves while judgment was nigh. "**Awake unto righteousness and sin not, for many have not the knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame.**" Shame on us!

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FLEE THE WRATH TO COME

Johnstown, Pa. was known for floods. In 1889 the worst flood in America's history occurred there. It had rained for days and there were numerous warnings for the people to flee for it was feared a dam above the city would break. But many folks said that there had been other rains and other warnings, but the dam had held. But the dam did suddenly break and 20,000,000 tons of water poured down the valley. In a short period of time 2,500 people were drowned. There is one interesting story which came out of that incident. Cyrus Wessinger lived in Johnstown. Shortly before the tragedy a strange feeling came over him that he should get out of the city, something seemed to say, "Get out; flee for your life!" Not knowing why, he heeded the impulse and went to his mother's house a mile above the dam. There he learned that his mother, having seen the dam break, had cried out to God for her sons' safety. A short while later two other sons also arrived. Suppose they had not heeded the warning? They would have perished along with others. Judgment is surely coming! God warns, "**Flee the wrath to come!**" No doubt you've had many warnings. You have heard the Gospel, the good news that Christ died for your sins, but you have not heeded God's call: "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**" Perhaps the Holy Spirit is even now urging you to trust the Lord. Acknowledge your sin to God and call upon Christ to save you before it is too late. God warns: "**How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?**"